



**Sunday March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Aberystwyth" arr. Sam Bat Owens
Wilbur Held and Jennifer Baham

CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Barger

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

People: Rejoice friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

Leader: God gives us this day for rest and restoration.

People: God gives us this time to be encouraged, to hear God's Word and to respond with our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN #401 (v 1,2,4) "Here in this Place (Gather us In)" GATHER US IN

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Erica Rader

Holy, loving God, we pray to you today. You have given us every good gift: friends, families, and the faith that sustains us. On our own, we wander from the path and get lost along the way, but you are faithful and you call us back. We confess today the ways we have neglected to receive what you give and have gone our own way. We confess our thoughts, words, and deeds have not honored you. We trust in your goodness and mercy today. In Christ we pray. Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE "Lord, I Need You" Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Erica Rader

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:1-15 Tom Barger

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

OFFERTORY "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. by Vicki Wright
Music Director: Michael Taylor; Chancel Choir; Jennifer Baham, accompanist

DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:16-30

SERMON "Sixth Time is a Charm" Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

HYMN "Goodness of God" Worship Band

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #411 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE "God of Grace" arr. Paul Manz

Keep in Your Prayers: Willis Brown's family after his passing. Larry Paaske hospitalized after bypass surgery. Jack Longley's sister Phyllis in Kentucky. Jo Ann Khoobyarian's family after her passing. Gary Kuhn hospitalized after a fall. Lee Toney's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). GFP director Vanessa's mom. Kristy Cole. Emily Barrett. The Bierly/Shaw families. Julie Clausen's cousin Tyler. Tony Bayne. Gail Myers. Shirley Swallow. Sharon LeClaire. Judy Momrow. Barbara Snyder's daughter, Terry. Rosemary Will.

Holy week:

Palm Sunday April 13 10 am service
Palm Sunday Donkey and Donuts 9:15, Egg hunt & Petting Zoo after worship
Maundy Thursday April 17 7 pm in the Sanctuary
Good Friday April 18 7 pm in the Sanctuary
Easter April 20 7 am and 10 am

All-Church Mexico - June 21-28, 2025. Join us for our Summer Mission Trip to Mexico! A group from PCLG will travel to the Tijuana area to build homes with Amor Ministries, supporting families and local churches in need. This is a great trip for anyone going into third grade and up through adulthood! Have questions? You can e-mail trip leadership at mexico@pclg.org or come on by our info session after church in the Youth Center today to learn more. *Sign ups will open soon!*

PCLG Summer Day Camp for 4-6 Year olds All are welcome, enrollment is open now. Camps offered June 9-August 8 9am-1pm, Monday through Friday. Come for one or all weeks, with different fun themes each week. Program is led by our GFP preschool teachers with special music and dance provided by Rita Hoegel and Erin Heath. Fee per week : \$305 for 4 days or \$345 for 5 days. See our flyer, or find more information at www.growingfootprints.org

Growing Footprints Preschool is now Enrolling! Did you know that the PCLG has a preschool and afterschool program right here on campus? We are now enrolling, and have a full time space available in our two year old program which boasts an incredible ratio of 1 to 6. We also have a full time space and few 3 day spaces available in our 3 year old classroom that has a 1 to 8 ratio. We have two 5 day slots in our afterschool program.

Church Work day Everyone is invited to help spruce up our PCLG campus for Easter! The spring workday will be Saturday April 5th 9am until noon, followed by a delicious lunch together. Come for fellowship, donuts, outdoor gardening, inside cleaning, stuffing of Easter eggs, and more...mark your calendars now to be part of this time with your church family!

Ministry Fellows Are you a college student who's ready to lead and wants to serve their church community in ministry? Join us as a Ministry Fellow this Summer at PCLG. Fellows help in worship, mission and children/youth ministries as well as growing under the mentorship of Church staff. Please visit www.pclg.org/ministry-fellows for the application link. Applications are due March 31.

Caring Ministries Sunday – March 30 Caring Ministries Sunday–March 30th **"Cultivating Connections: Support, Service, Listening, Prayer"** What is a Deacon? What is Caring Ministries? Please join us for Caring Ministries Sunday. This is an opportunity to meet your deacon after worship in the social hall and learn more about Stephen Ministry and Caring ministries support provided by the church. Come and meet your deacon. Hope to see you there!

From your mission committee March 30 at 11:30 our mission partner, Sister Marylyn Lacy from Mercy Beyond Borders is coming to speak after church in the fireside room. Mercy Beyond Borders forges ways for women and girls in extreme poverty to learn, connect, and lead. When women learn women matter. A lite lunch will be provided.

From your mission committee PCLG has submitted and was granted a \$7500 Grant to buy bunk beds for the Helping Hands for South Sudan school. We are grateful and blessed by this generosity.

Forgiveness Class Two & Lunch: Sunday, April 6

Have you ever sought revenge on a person who wronged you? Or even just fantasized about something bad happening to him or her? Jesus calls us to forgive and even pray for those who have hurt us. But we all know this can be difficult. If you've ever struggled to forgive someone, you won't want to miss our **second Lenten class on "Total Forgiveness," set for Sunday, April 6**. All are welcome, including those who missed the first class. **A lunch buffet** for attendees will open in the Social Hall immediately after the worship service. Then our teacher, **Pastor Paul Watermulder**, will speak from the heart about his own experiences in learning to forgive, and lead us in discovering how we also can move toward full forgiveness. The class will end at 1 p.m. Childcare is available upon request; please send an email to Erin.Heath@pclg.org by Wednesday, April 2. This program is sponsored by PCLG's Adult Education Committee. To see a video recording of the first class, click on the link in the March 19th Weekly Email.

Your PCLG Mission Committee invites you to volunteer for a meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger on Sat Apr 26th from 9-12 AM in the PCLG Social Hall. We will be packing 15,000 meals to be distributed to those in need around the world. Rise Against Hunger uses these meals to enable at-risk communities to become self-sustaining over the long term. This is a fun event and is open to all ages as long as one can stand to fill and pour a measuring cup or walk containers from one table to another. Sitting volunteer positions are also available. Please sign-up and sign the online waiver form using this link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/PCLG2025> For Questions: Please call or email Jeff Thompson 408-455-2784 Jeffsthompson7@gmail.com

Helping Hands for South Sudan is a nonprofit charity whose mission is to make education possible for South Sudan's refugee children. Your donation pays for scholarships, room and board, school supplies and uniforms. To learn more or to donate please visit <https://helpinghands4southsudan.org>. You may also donate through the PCLG online giving page. Select MISSION GIVING and then specify "Helping Hands for South Sudan" in the gift note field. Let your hands be Helping Hands!

Worship Band - Calling all guitar, bass, drummers and singers!! The Worship Band is recruiting instrumentalists and singers to lead the more "blended" songs in our worship! If you or someone you know has a talent to share, come and talk to me on a Sunday morning or email me. Rita Hoegel rita.hoegel@pclg.org

Summer Camp! One powerful, important and FUN experience for children and youth is attending sleep away Christian Summer Camp. There are a variety of Christian summer camps, including Mount Hermon and Westminster Woods, that PCLG families have connected with. We have some scholarship funds available for either of those camps if it will help you get your kids to go. Please contact Erin Heath (Elementary School) or Steve Fainer (Middle or High School).

Women's Camino May 2025 Do you want to join us? Pastor Erica Rader and Christina Hingle are leading a Women's Camino pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela starting May 16 returning home June 1. Contact Pastor Erica or see our website.

Nursery Caretaker- Children's Ministries is in need of a regular nursery caretaker on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. This is a paid position with an opportunity for additional hours during special events. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact Erin Heath at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Children's Ministry (Infant -5th grade):Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants at the beginning of worship. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Visiting families should walk their child back to Sunday School after the children's message so that teachers can meet the parents and know who they are dismissing the child to at pickup. Please reach out with any questions to Erin Heath, the Director of Children's Ministry, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Bookends. For March, we've taken an old favorite off the shelf, The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher. It's the story of three generations of one family in Great Britain. For some of you, it'll be like reuniting with an old friend. We'll meet in the Fireside room on Sunday March 30th at 2:30, or you may zoom in

Sunday School Volunteers We are blessed with a growing Children's Ministries program and we are looking for more volunteers to fill our classrooms. If you are interested in being a loving adult in the lives of the children of our church, please contact Erin Heath, Children's Ministries Director, at erin.heath@pclg.org.

Youth Update

We are glad you're here! Today we've got our regular activities happening:

Middle School Sunday School during worship
SNiFF for Middle Schoolers @ 5 p.m.
YG for High School students @ 7:30 p.m.

The upcoming Love of God (LOG) retreat for High School and rising 9th graders will be March 28-30. Please contact Steve at fainer@gmail.com for more info!

Giving Online Please visit www.pclg.org/online-giving, or use this QR code, to access our online giving tools. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.



Dates To Remember

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| Mar. 28 | Jo Ann Khoobyarian's memorial 11:00 am |
| April 6 | Total Forgiveness Class 2 & Lunch |
| April 12 | Willis Brown memorial 2pm |
| April 26 | Rise Against Hunger, packing 15,000 meals |
| May 10 | Inquirers/New Members Class |
| June 21-28 | All Church Mexico Mission Trip |

Regular Group meeting dates

Pastor's Bible Study meets every Wed 2pm Fireside room

WOW – weekly drop in Bible study meets every Thursday at 10 am in the Fireside room contact JHLasher01@gmail.com

PW Morning Circle The PW Morning Bible Circle will be meeting the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 12 am at the Terraces in the Sun Room, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area.

Minow Bible study meets every Wed. 6:30 am Fireside Room contact minow@pclg.org

Sign Language Sign Language Group For March, we are going to meet on **Sunday, March 23rd**. For questions, contact Youngla Kwon at youngla0707@gmail.com.

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We believe that everyone is created in the image of God and that we are all children of our loving God. We welcome you into the life of our church regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We welcome people of any race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. Simply put, we believe that God loves you and so do we.